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### **Cheryl Halpern**

Cheryl Halpern has a long record of public service in broadcasting, women's issues, education, and international affairs. She has been nominated to the boards of national and international public broadcasting organizations by Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

In 1990, Mrs. Halpern was confirmed as a member of the Board for International Broadcasting and as a director of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL). From 1995 through 2002, she served on the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) overseeing Voice of America, Radio and TV Marti, RFE/RL, Worldnet, Radio Free Asia and Radio Free Iraq. In August 2002, Mrs. Halpern was appointed by to serve as a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and in September 2005 was elected to be Chairman of the CPB.

Mrs. Halpern's civic involvement includes participation on the boards of the International Republican Institute, the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy and the President's Advisory Council of Barnard College. She also chaired the character education program of the Words Can Heal organization, a national campaign to curb gossip, fight verbal violence and promote the healing powers of ethical speech.

In 2003, Mrs. Halpern spoke before the plenary council on children's programming and textbook development as a Presidentially-appointed U.S. delegate to the OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism. She has supported the development of "Sesame Stories," a program produced by the Sesame Workshop for Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian children.

Mrs. Halpern was a delegate from the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations to the 4<sup>th</sup> United Nations World Conference on Women's Rights in 1995 in Beijing. She chaired the United Nations Advisory Council of B'nai Brith International from 1998 to 2002. In April 2005, she participated in the Iraqi Women's Educational Institute and addressed the working group on the importance of developing democratic values through education.

In March 2005, she was honored by the Essex County (New Jersey) Board of Chosen Freeholders for "her outstanding career in broadcasting, her civic involvement and advocacy on behalf of women's rights, and for embodying the spirit and accomplishments of women everywhere."

An expert horsewoman, Mrs. Halpern was reserve world champion in the Ladies Hunters Under Sidesaddle in 1990 and 1991, and has ridden as a member of the New York City Mounted Auxiliary Police. She has an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from New York University and completed her undergraduate studies at Barnard College of Columbia University. Mrs. Halpern lives in New Jersey with her husband Fred.